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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of George E. Fox,)
Richard C. Willson III and Zhengdong Zhang)
Serial No.:10/057,270) Examiner
) Jason Sims
Filed: 26 Jan 2002) Group 1631
For: ... Methods for Determining the Genetic)
Affinity of Microorganisms and Viruses)
Priority: 26 Jan 2001, USSN 60/254,403)
Attorney Docket: 010AUS)
USPTO Customer Number: 26830)
Response Due: 9 August 2009 [Two Months])

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 9 June 2009 by Examiner Sims, consideration of the following Amendments and Remarks is solicited.

No additional fee is believed due because the Claims now number 20 including 2 independent claims. Applicants are responding within two months of the Final Action.

The Undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to 1571 273 8300 Central fax of the USPTO on 7 August 2009.